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HISTORICAL SOURCES NOW ONLINE: “THE MAKING OF MODERN LAW”

By Keith Buckley, Collections Development Librarian

We are pleased to announce that I.U. Law Library users now have access to “The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926.” With over 22,000 U.S. and British texts, this is the most important collection of historical, law-related resources to be put into a digital format. All of the titles available on this new web site are full-text searchable, providing modes of locating countless obscure references.

You can find “The Making of Modern Law” at the Law Library’s Online Resources page, <http://www.law.indiana.edu/library/onlineresources/index.shtml>. The link appears just below the links to LEXIS and Westlaw. When you first click on “The Making of Modern Law,” you’ll see a generic Thomson-Gale web page for “Infotrac.” Click on the “Proceed” link-- you will be presented with the choice of either searching LegalTrac (a periodical database), or “The Making of Modern Law.”

Once you have selected to search this expansive historical resource, you can also choose from four different methods of finding materials. “Basic Search” allows you to look for full-text phrases, while stipulating the date of publication, whether you want American law or British law, as well as the topic dealt with in the text. In “Advanced Search” mode, you can also designate if your search terms appear in the title or the subject heading, as well as

requesting what languages you are searching. If you click on “Browse Author,” you will find an alphabetical list of all the authors whose works are available online. Similarly, if you click “Browse Works,” you get an alphabetical listing of all 22,000 titles you can access.

“The Making of Modern Law” includes numerous help screens and user guides. If you are formulating complicated research strategies, consider accessing the “Search Tips” screen. Here you will find suggestions about date ranges, search operators, stopwords, punctuation, diacritics, and wildcard characters (remember: these terms can vary from one digital source to another!).

Within the next few months, the Law Library’s subscription to “The Making of Modern Law” will expand to include U.S. Supreme Court Records &

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Briefs, 1832-1978. This digital compilation, which will also be full-text searchable, will include over 350,000 documents from upwards of 150,000 cases filed before the Court.

If all of this strikes you as too much information, you are always free to consult with one of the Reference Librarians about this or any other resource, digital or otherwise.

FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

As the leaves begin to turn and the nights become cooler, we recall the importance of the season. Ah yes, it's time for another Supreme Court term to begin. With a new Chief Justice and an associate justice beginning the confirmation process as we go to press, it seems only fitting to commemorate the new judicial year. We've concocted a little quiz to test your knowledge of the current Supreme Court Justices as well as those in the transitional phase. Just match the names of the justices with the corresponding facts about them.

1. Stephen Breyer
 2. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 3. Anthony Kennedy
 4. Sandra Day O'Connor
 5. John Roberts
 6. Antonin Scalia
 7. David Souter
 8. Harriet Miers
 9. John Paul Stevens
 10. Clarence Thomas
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- a. Presided over the IU Law School's court-martial of George Armstrong Custer
 - b. Only justice appointed by Gerald Ford
 - c. Served as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona
 - d. Taught in the law schools at Virginia, Georgetown, Chicago and Stanford
 - e. Chaired the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
 - f. Served as a prosecutor on the Watergate Special Prosecution Force
 - g. Chaired the Texas Lottery Commission
 - h. Appointed to the Court after Robert Bork's confirmation fell through
 - i. Grew up in Long Beach, Indiana
 - j. Only justice to have been a Rhodes Scholar

See Page 4 for the Answers!

Nonie Watt

Head of Technical Services

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: DARK SHADOWS

Roosevelt, Kermit. *In the Shadow of the Law*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. [PS 3628 .O68 I5 2005]



With the success of writers like John Grisham and Scott Turow, contemporary novels with a legal setting have tended to fall into the "legal thriller" genre. Readers tired of this pattern welcomed Yale law professor Stephen L. Carter's wonderful and well received 2002 novel, *The Emperor of Ocean Park* [PS 3603 .A78 E4 2002]. The most recent entrant into this pool of so called "serious literature" is another law professor, Kermit (someone please tell me if he is related to the son of Teddy) Roosevelt, of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

In the Shadow of the Law is Roosevelt's first published novel. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Penn and previously worked for the Chicago firm of Mayer, Brown & Pratt. Prior to his firm work he clerked for U. S. Supreme Court Associate Justice David H. Souter.

Roosevelt paints a pretty dark picture of working in a large D.C. law firm. Centering on a group of young associates, the story is sort of an "L.A. Law" style soap opera. The book focuses on two cases the firm is currently dealing with – a pro bono murder appeal and the defense of a corporation accused of allowing a deadly toxic explosion at one of its chemical plants. Thrown into these cases are young Mark Clayton, fresh out of law school and already questioning his decision to become a lawyer; Walker Elliot, a third year associate who everyone knows is only biding his time before he enters academia; Katja Phillips, who escapes the legal world she questions by jogging to and from work; Ryan Grady, who still seems to think he is a sophomore in college; and Harold Fineman the head of the firm's litigation department who can't quite figure out why Katja isn't interested in him. Driving the firm's is Peter Morgan, son of the founder, and one who long ago sold his soul to the firm.

With almost none of the characters having any redeeming qualities (a trait that prompted New York Times reviewer Alan Dershowitz to suggest his law students might happily identify with the young associates), the firm itself is the real star of the book. Roosevelt describes the evolution of the firm from being a two attorney office in 1938 to a gigantic K Street firm that embraces the new bankruptcy and merger divisions; divisions that would have made the founders roll over in their graves.

In the Shadow of the Law won't, I suspect, win any literary prizes, but if you want a dark and depressing view of a legal world where billable hours and no outside life rule, this is the book for you.

Dick Vaughan

Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

NEW & IMPROVED: *ONLINE RESOURCES*

Be sure and check out the Library's Online Resources web page for the latest additions to electronic information. You can now access the following sources directly from your computer:

Wall Street Journal

We now have faculty and student access to the online version of the Wall Street Journal. The Online Journal includes all of the regular columns and features from the print edition of The Wall Street Journal and more! The online Journal contains complete coverage of global financial markets, extensive research and charting capabilities, current and historical stock quotes, 90-day archived news and access to the online edition of Barron's.

Financial Times

Our online version of the Financial Times not only lets you search the Times for keywords, but allows you to print key pages from the next day's paper.

Access World News

This database contains full-text content of local and regional newspapers. Each newspaper has its own distinctive focus offering a variety of viewpoints on local and world issues. Paid advertisements are excluded.

The Nuremberg Trials Project

Harvard's Law Library has begun a digital project to create and present images or full-text versions of its Nuremberg documents on the Internet, along with analytical informa-

tion about each document and general information about the trials.

If usernames or passwords are required for whatever you may be looking at, please contact a Reference Librarian.

Stephanie Marshall

Electronic Services Librarian

IN CASE YOU WERE INTERESTED

Have you ever found yourself day-dreaming about the United States Statutes at Large? Musing abstractly as you stare out from the Reading Room at the woods, have you often thought to yourself, 'Who is responsible for writing the marginal notes in the Statutes at Large? Why are some sections accompanied by a note indicating where they will be codified in the United States Code, while others are not?' Lost in such reverie the other day, I decided it was time to find out.

As all legal researchers know, the arrangement of the United States Code is determined by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel (<http://uscode.house.gov/>), which is an agency of the House of Representatives. In contrast, the United States Statutes at Large are prepared by the Office of the Federal Register (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/>). A small staff of three attorneys within this Office is responsible for the marginal notations that appear in this publication. (One hopes they have other responsibilities as well.) They must receive codification information from the Office of the Law Revision Counsel in order to include it in their notes. Alas, according to an anonymous source within the Office of the Federal Register, the revisers do not always provide codification information in a timely fashion. Hence, the inconsistency in codification information.

And so another research mystery is solved. But of course there are always more such mysteries to fuel one's re-

THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: Library should open on time! Saturday it was AT LEAST one hour and 20 minutes late in opening (9/17). Posted hours say 8:00 am and calls to library not answered!!

Response: Of course I agree with you that the Library should always open on time. I spoke with the Head of Circulation about this issue and she reported back to me that the desk attendant overslept on that day and opened the Library late. While this is not what I like to see happen, these kinds of things do occasionally occur. The important thing to me is that the desk attendant contacted the supervisor and told her that the Library was late in opening. This is the kind of responsible behavior I like to see among Library employees. If this is a consistent problem, please let me know and we will deal with it. Thank you for letting me know about this.

search reveries. On the other hand, one could just admit one's problem, which I'm told is the first step towards cure.

Ralph Gaebler
Foreign & Int'l Librarian

Answers to the Quiz from Page 2:

1-f, 2-a; 3-h; 4-c; 5-i; 6-d; 7-j; 8-g; 9-b; 10-e

TOUR THE LIBRARY BY IPOD!

NOW, on the Law Library's web page, follow the link for the new Audio Tour. You can download the .mp3 file directly from the web page and enjoy Chris McNeely's voice while he leads you on a short (8:04 min) audio tour of the Law Library.



From the same page you can download the text of the tour so that you will have it with you while wandering the floors, looking for that certain source. We have also added a link on the page for downloading floor plans so you could actually take the tour from your sofa! If you would like to visit us for the tour, iPod's are available at the circulation desk to guide your tour.

Stephanie Marshall
Electronics Services Librarian

CREATE SEARCHABLE DIGITIZED FILES FROM MICROFORMS

With the acquisition of a digital microfilm scanner, the Li-

brary can now offer expanded options for microformat data storage and accessibility. The Canon Microfilm Scanner 800 (MS-800) is similar to the older Canon machine (both are located in the Law Library's Media Center) – you can use it to read and print film or fiche, but it has two notable differences.

First, the MS-800 has a wide screen, which not only allows for clear viewing of detailed or large-format microfilm images, but also permits dual-page printing. Second, the MS-800 can scan microfilm or fiche into a digital image directly to the attached PC. With up to a 600 scanning dpi resolution, the MS-800 will allow you to save the images in the following formats: TIFF, BMP, JPEG, JBIG, PDF (depending on which scanning software you use).

- Canon Scanning Utility 800 – easy to use, offers 4 file formats (TIFF, BMP, JPEG, JBIG)
- eCopy Desktop – easy to use, can save digitized documents in the following formats: TIFF, CPY, PDF. Can create searchable text, which will then be imbedded behind the PDF. Using OCR, can also convert the scanned document to editable text (Microsoft Word document).
- OmniPage 15 – sophisticated OCR software generates the most accurate results and will save scanned documents into over 30 different formats (including Microsoft Word, Excel, XML, PDF and PowerPoint). OCR proof-reader allows you to correct the scanned image while simultaneously viewing a wide context of the document's original text.

The Canon MS-800 has an attached high speed laser printer. The cost of printing will remain at 10 cents per page. There will be no charge for scanning microforms, but you must save any scanned documents to your own storage device (CD-Rom or USB flash drive).

As with any resource in the Law Library, please consult a reference librarian if you have any questions or if you need any assistance with using the Canon MS-800.

Jennifer Bryan,
Documents Librarian

WORKING THE HALLS

Happy October Birthday to:

Prof. Singleton on the 5th

Prof. Oliver on the 6th

Prof. Heidt on the 10th

Randy Sparks on the 11th

Prof. Dau-Schmidt on the 12th

Prof. Brown on the 13th

Dave Lankford on the 15th

Prof. Hicks on the 15th

Prof. Popkin on the 28th



Law Library Fall Break Hours October 14 - 23, 2005

October 14, Friday	7:30 am - 8:00 pm
October 15, Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00pm
October 16, Sunday	1:00 pm - 8:00pm
October 17 - 21, Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 8:00pm
October 22, Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
October 23, Sunday	Resume Regular Hours